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Enter the *Montana Outdoors* Favorite Photo Contest

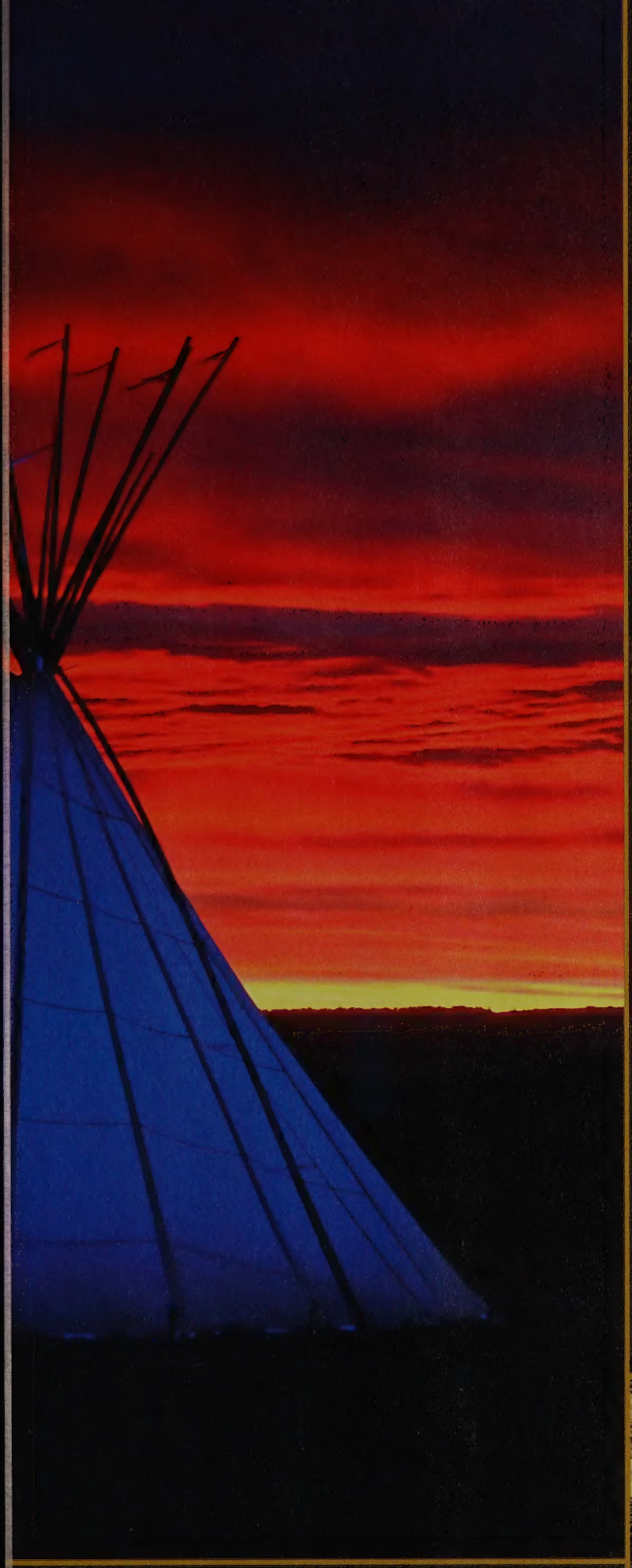
For the past two years we've offered readers a chance to win a 16 x 20 print of their favorite image from the annual photo issue. You picked your single favorite image and we drew from the submissions to select three lucky winners. The contest has been so popular we're doing it again.

RULES

- To enter the 2022 Favorite Photo Contest, visit cognitoforms.com/MontanaOutdoors1/FavoritePhotoContest.
- No email or mail-in submissions accepted.
- Fill out the online form, including your name, mailing address, email address, a description of the image, the page number, and the photographer's name.
- Only one entry per *Montana Outdoors* subscription.
- Entries must be received by **January 31, 2022**
- Three winners will be drawn during the first week of February.
- Each winner will receive a pre-mounted 16 x 20 print of their favorite photo from this issue.
- Winners' names will be posted on the *Montana Outdoors* website and Facebook page and in the March-April 2022 issue.

Good luck!

—Tom Dickson, Editor



CHARLES RENFRO
Cover: Female grizzly bear and her yearling feeding in a Glacier National Park meadow filled with shooting stars and new grasses

BOB ZELLAR
Above: Tepees illuminated from within by colored lights on the Rimrocks overlooking Billings

JOHN CHART
Right: Great horned owl close-up, Helena Regulating Reservoir

JOHN CARUSO
Right: Twelve-spotted dragonfly at Maclay Flat, southwest of Missoula

PAT CLAYTON
Below: Spawning Yellowstone cutthroat trout crowding a mountain stream in the Absaroka-Beartooth Range

MARK BOESCH
Above: Smoke-tinged sunset over Mud Lake, Skalkaho Pass

CAROLE BOERNER
Left: Indian paintbrush, Bob Marshall Wilderness

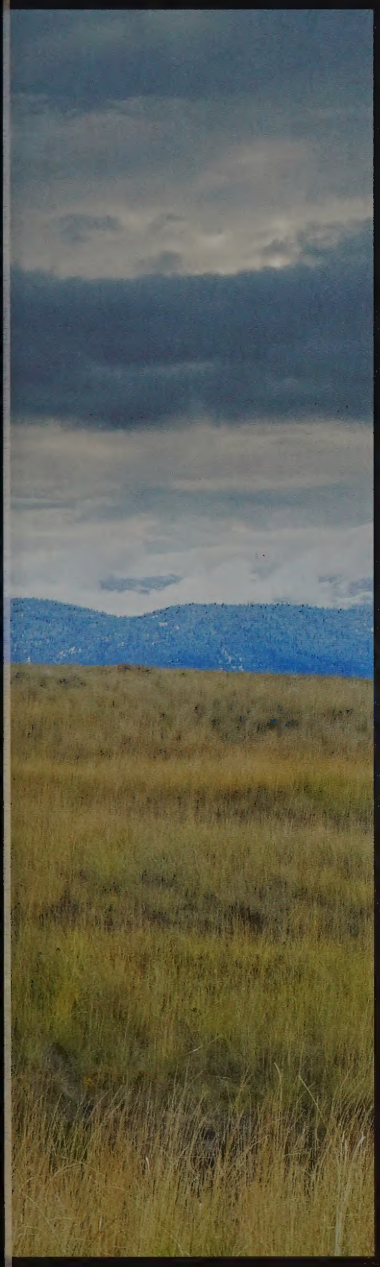
DONALD M. JONES
Above left: Belted kingfisher, feathers ruffled by the wind, near Troy

DAN NICHOLS
Left: Belted kingfisher with a sculpin returning to its nest in a rock wall cavity above the Dearborn River

JEFF MOORE
Above: Canada goose leaving its nest cave overlooking the Yellowstone River near Livingston

LON LAUBER
Above: Elk herd, National Bison Range near Moiese

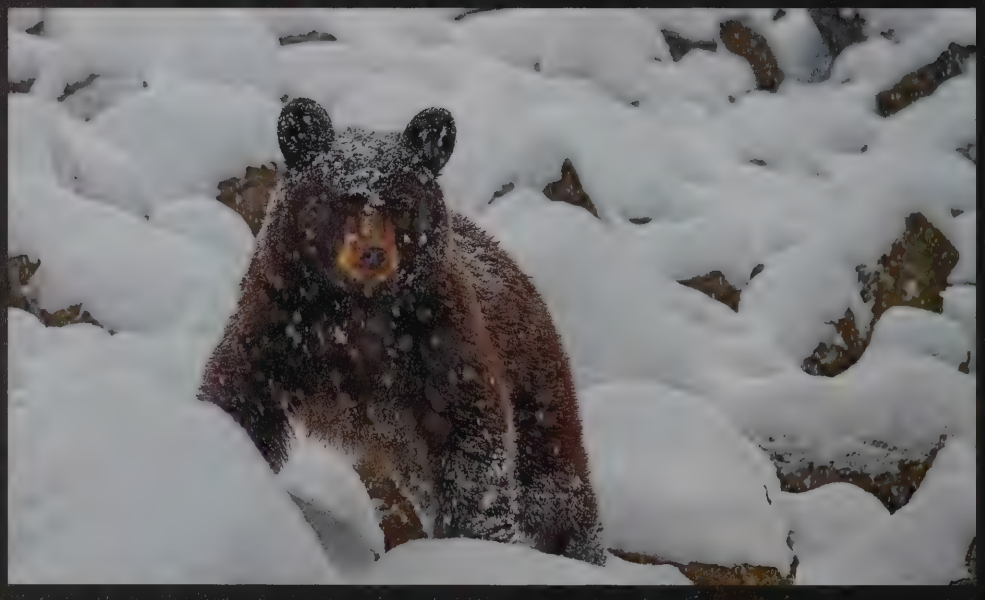
BRETT SWAIN
Above right: Bugling bull elk, Missouri River Breaks

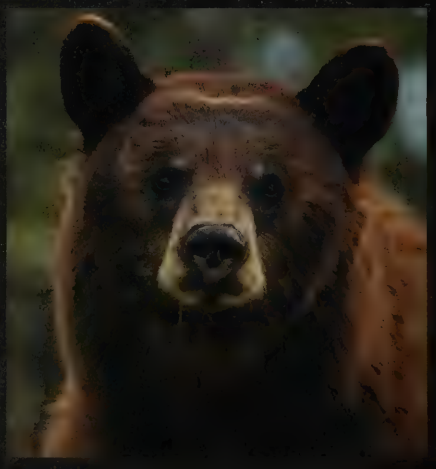


GARY BEELER
Right: Bull elk in velvet leaping a fence at sunrise near Red Lodge

KEN MURPHY
Milky Way galaxy
over the Highwood
Mountains near Belt

STEVEN GNAM
Fall foliage reflected in the waters of Gunsight Lake, Glacier National Park





KALON BAUGHAN
Top: Wolverine photographed with a camera trap in the Helena National Forest

PAUL HOLDORF
Above: Black bear in snow along the Boulder River south of Big Timber

PAUL SIHLER
Above: Yearling black bear, Dearborn Canyon

STEVEN GNAM
Opposite page: Wolverine using its sharp claws to climb a steep snowfield in the Lewis Range, Glacier National Park

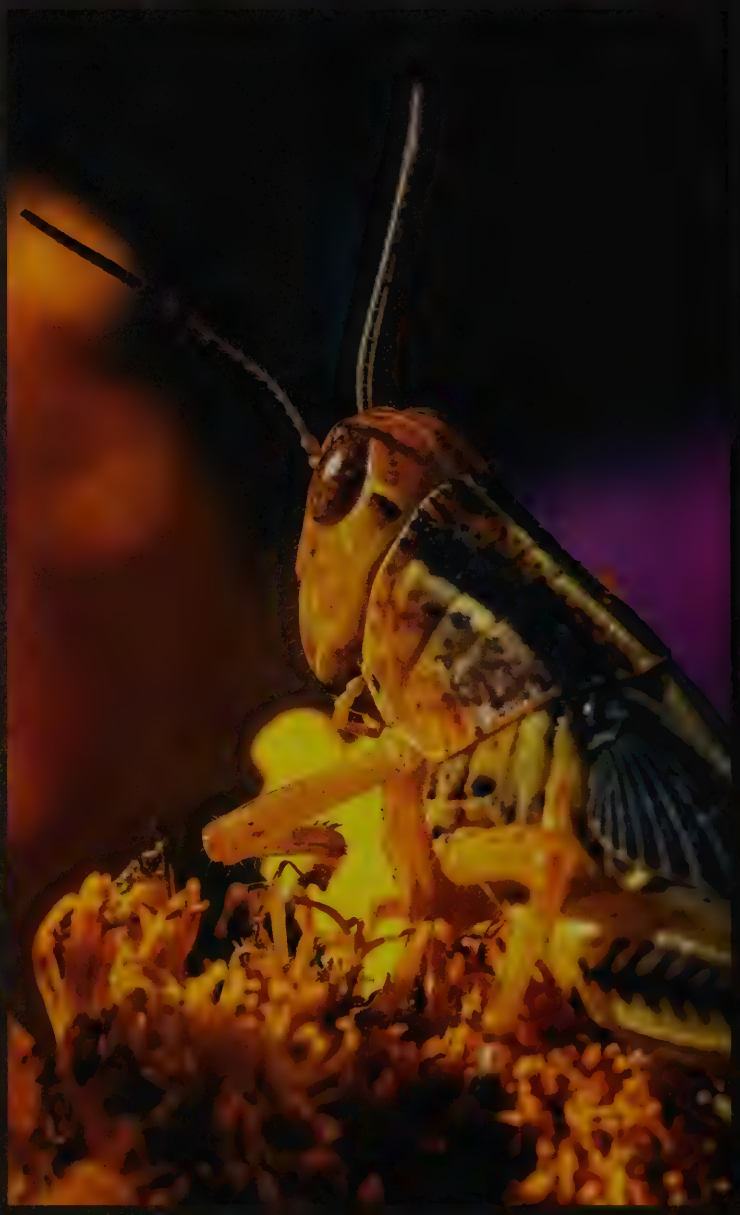
Clockwise from right:

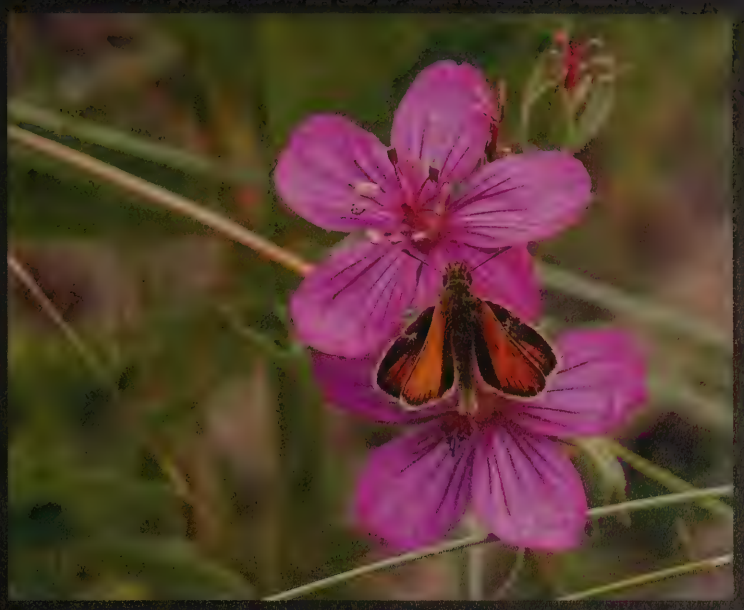
STACY THORNBRUGH
Fritillary butterfly on a sunflower near Libby

ROBERT RUBLE
Grasshopper near Billings

ELIZABETH MOORE
Sweat bee

JESSE LEE VARNADO
Golden buprestid





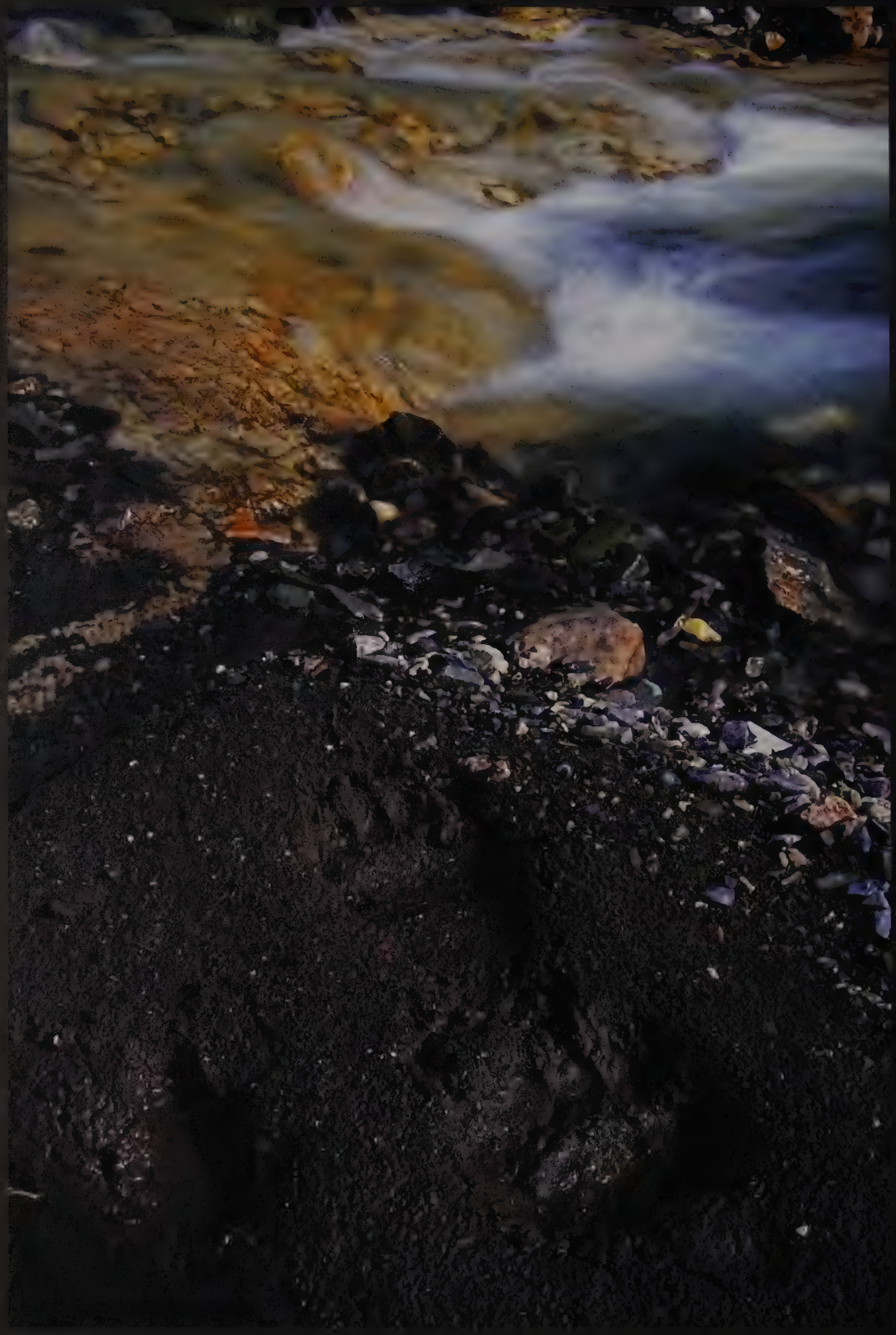
Clockwise from top left:

SHEILA RUBLE
Caterpillar chewing
curly cup gumweed

DAN ELLISON
Skipper butterfly
on a wild geranium

CRAIG BARFOOT
Jumping spider
near Polson

FRAN NUNN
Common desert centipede
near Pompeys Pillar



ADDIE LOHMAN
Above: Female grizzly and her three cubs, northern Rocky Mountain Front

ERIN BRAATEN
Left: Grizzly bear soaking in Medicine Grizzly Lake, Glacier National Park

RANDY BEACHAM
Opposite page: Grizzly tracks along Blackleaf Creek, Rocky Mountain Front

TRISH HUDDLESTON
Top: Quaking aspen leaves

JESSE LEE VARNADO
Right: Detail of an autumn leaf

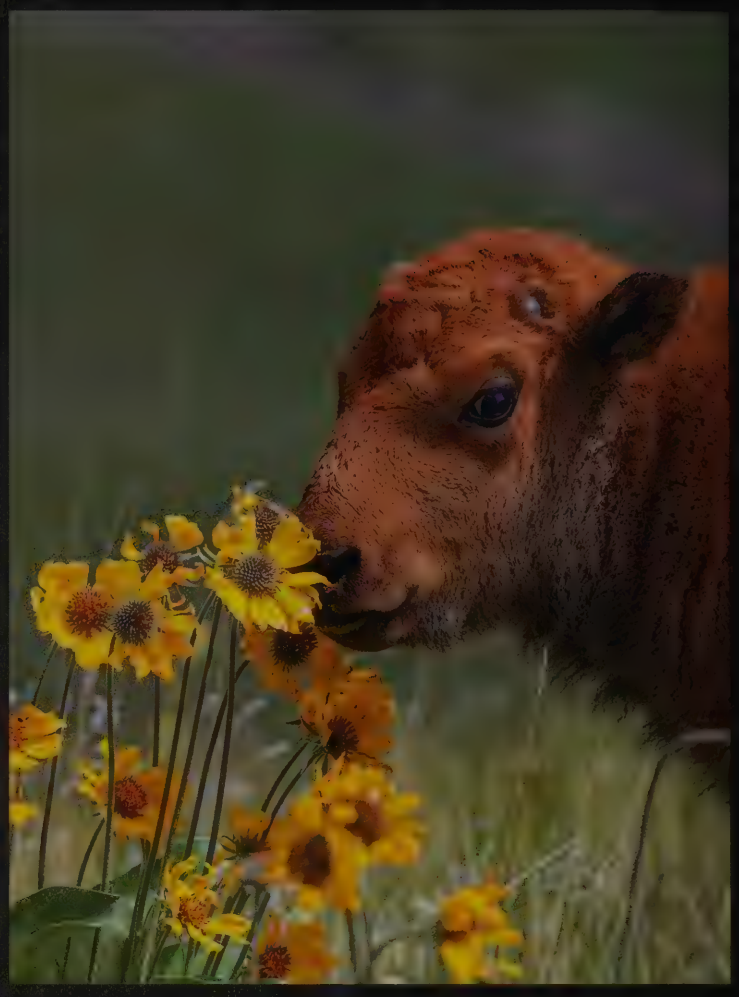
JEFF VAN TINE
Opposite page: October view of the waterfall on Falls Creek, southwest of Augusta in the Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest

LESTER A. KISH
Above: Trico mayflies blanketing the surface of Hebgen Lake

JOHN CARLSON
Right: Frozen surface water along the Yellowstone River shoreline near Billings

CHRISTOPHER WAGNER
Left: Detail of the Roe River, Giant Springs State Park, Great Falls

DONNA RIDGWAY
Below: Close-up of porcupine quills



CHARLES RENFRO
Right: Bison calf with arrowleaf balsamroot National Bison Range

JOHN CARLSON
Below: Monarch butterfly on a Rocky Mountain beeplant

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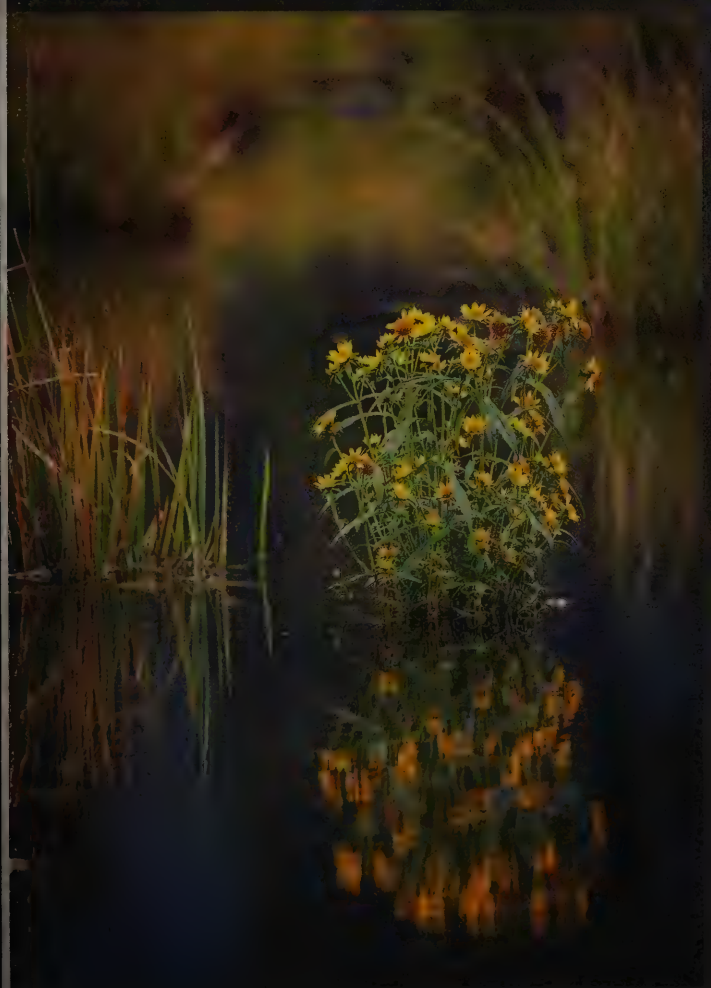

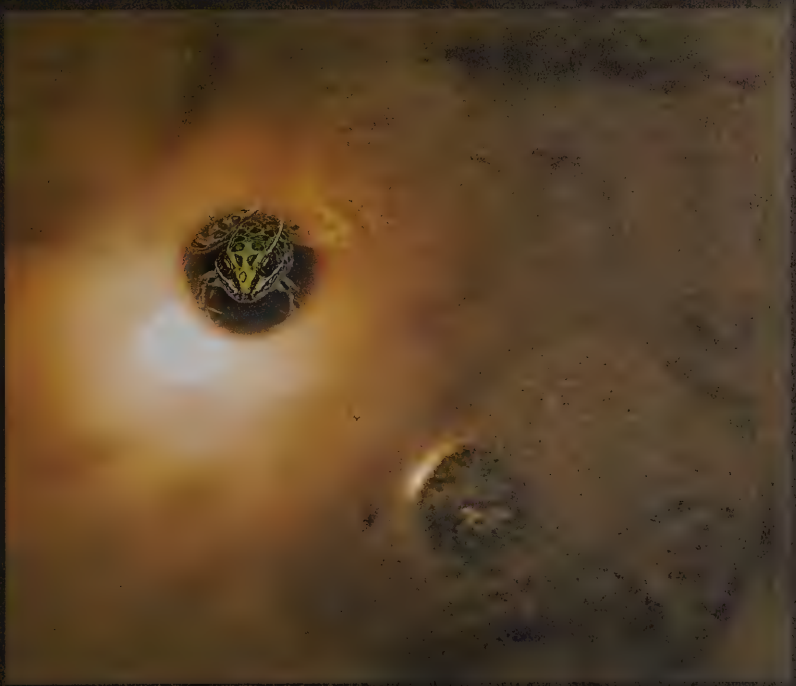

MARK PETERS
Top: Mule deer fawns amid lupine, Lake County

PAUL HOLDORF
Left: Nodding bur-marigold

KURT CUNNINGHAM
Above: Northern leopard frog at night, lit by flashlight, Canyon Ferry Wildlife Management Area

PAUL QUENEAU
Above: The West Riverside Fire burning the slopes of Woody Mountain between East Missoula and Bonner

MIKE HINES
Right: The Boulder 2700 Fire lighting up the east shore of Flathead Lake

CHRISTOPHER BOYER
Burned and unburned forest after a wildfire near Monarch

JOHN LAMBING
Sunset over the Milk River and Sweetgrass Hills near Havre

LEE HULL
Above right:
Twin moose calves

ED COYLE
Right: Bull moose in velvet, Madison River

GARRETT TURNER
Above: Cow moose wading an alpine lake in Glacier National Park

DOUG TATE
Left: Massive bull moose at Red Rock Lakes National Wildlife Refuge

JEREMIE HOLLMAN
Top left: Goldeye

JESS McGLOTHLIN
Middle left: Rainbow trout taking Trico spinners on the Missouri River below Holter Dam

JEREMIE HOLLMAN
Bottom left: Burbot

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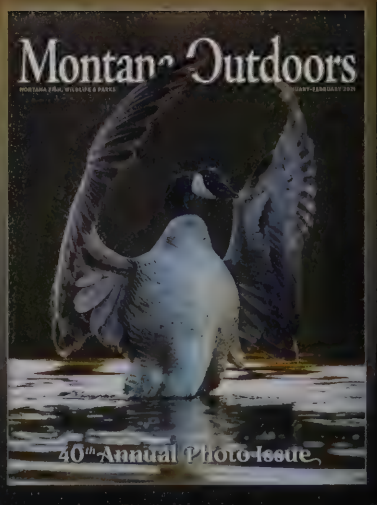

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JOHN JURACEK
Above: Fly angler on an exposed sandbar on Hebgen Lake

ROLAND TAYLOR
Spring storm over the plains near Rainbow Dam, Great Falls

SHAWN T. STEWART
Storm clouds over the Pryor Mountains, Carbon County

Top row, left to right:

TRACY SCOTT
Barn swallows, Council Grove State Park

CINDY GOEDDEL
Western tanager, Sweet Grass County

CHRIS McGOWAN
Red-winged blackbird, Helena Valley

Middle row, left to right:

CAROL POLICH
Red crossbill, C.M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge

DEBORAH DRAIN
Wilson's warbler, Rosebud River

RANDY SMITH
Bullock's oriole near Dillon

Bottom row, left to right:

ROD SCHLECHT
White-crowned sparrow near Lewistown

ESTELLE SHUTTLEWORTH
Eastern kingbirds

KARL KRIEGER
Right: Mountain goat descending Beaver Creek Canyon, near Hogback Mountain

COLTON STIFFLER
Below: Mountain goat family atop the Beartooth Plateau

KEVIN LEAGUE
Opposite page: Mountain goats in the Big Belt Mountains

CHARLIE BULLA
Above: Thunderstorm and lightning strike over central Montana

STEVEN AKRE
Below: Spring ice thaw and cloud reflections near Seeley Lake

JOEL MAES
Above: Morning sky, Bob Marshall Wilderness

CHUCK HANEY
Below: Wildfire smoke and clouds, Stillwater State Forest

LIZ MOORE
Opposite page: Evening light on an angler, Missouri River near Craig

LON LAUBER
Top left: Upland bird hunters north of Great Falls pausing below a dramatic Montana sky

ANTHONY PAVKOVICH
Middle left: Running against the last light down Mount Blackmore in the Gallatin Range

ROLAND TAYLOR
Bottom left: Paddling through the smoky haze that enveloped most of Montana in 2021, near the White Cliffs of the Missouri River

JEFF MOORE
Right: Pine siskins on a field post and barbed wire in southwestern Montana

CAROL BABEL
Below right: Ice on an irrigation pivot and barbed-wire fence

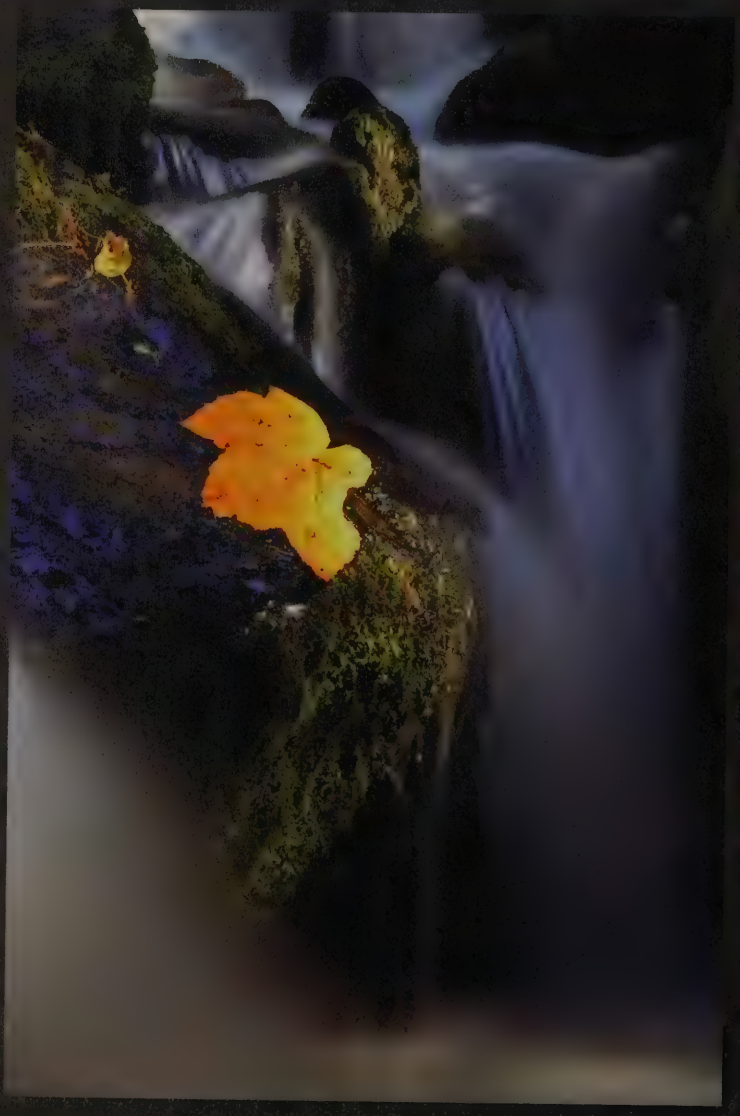
DICK WALKER
Below: Dewdrops on silky lupine leaves, Swan Valley

PAUL QUENEAU
Above: Wild turkey tom facing another tom's tail fan, Hellgate Canyon near Missoula

LEE NELSON
Left: Male Franklin's (spruce) grouse tail display during spring mating season near Park Lake southwest of Helena

DAVID DALY
Left: Aerial view of Giant Springs emptying into the Missouri River at Great Falls

DAN TAYLOR
Below left: Leaf and mossy detail against falling water



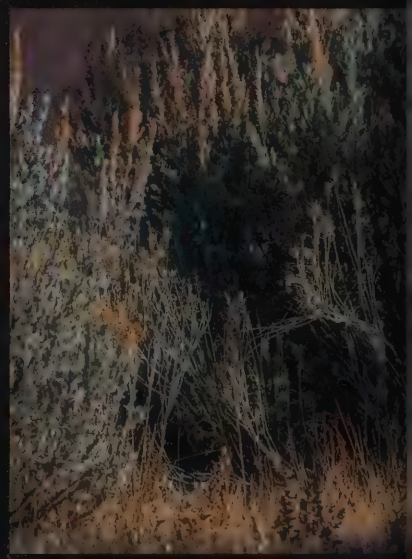
KEVIN LEAGUE

Below: The Giant Springs, which sends 150 million gallons of pure spring water into the Missouri River each day at Giant Springs State Park

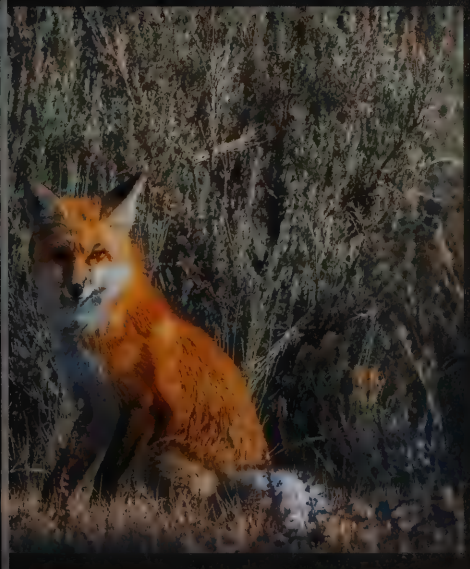
NICK FUCCI
Right: Greater sage-grouse, Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge

KARL KRIEGER
Below: Burrowing owl near Three Forks

BRETT SWAIN
Bottom: Resting buck and doe pronghorn, northwestern Montana



CRAIG BARFOOT
Above: Red fox and big sagebrush, Horse Prairie near Dillon



SEAN R. HEAVEY
Top: Spiny star cactus blooming on a prairie southwest of Glasgow

LAURA VERHAEGHE
Above: Red fox kits playing near Missoula

JOHN CARUSO
Below left: Osprey with fish, Clark Fork River

JIM HERRLY
Below right: Bull elk, Lake County

CRAIG MILLER
Bottom: Swift fox, north-central Montana

KC GLASTETTER
Above left: Turkey vultures near Eureka

SHEILA RUBLE
Top: Red-tailed hawk soaring north of Billings

JAKE WILLSON
Above right: Mule deer buck in velvet at sunset near Fort Benton

ZACK CLOTHIER
Above: Western striped skunk, photographed at night with a camera trap

TIM CHRISTIE
Right: Mule deer buck looking out over a foggy mountain valley at the National Bison Range

RON HOFF
Above: Sundown at Ninepipe National Wildlife Refuge

COLTON STIFFLER
Top: Two lightning strikes near Fairmont

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